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How is this justice to the consumer and the market. Sure you say you are making Microsoft give away around \$1 billion in software and hardware. The software costs pennies to produce, their biggest outlay would be the cost of the hardware. Plus, in giving it to schools, they just increased their marketshare and psychological hold on the world as the #1 operating system. You would, by fiat, push all other competitors out of the education system for at least one year. And as close to the breaking point as some companies run, this would probably break many of them, leaving even less competition for Microsoft.

Why not have them donate the money to the schools directly, by getting a list from the Education department or somewhere. Then let the schools decide on how best to spend it. Your case was for the cause of consumers to have choice, let the schools have the same choice you were fighting for us to have.

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